

MR. TAFT LANDS AT NEW ORLEANS

President-Elect will be Guest of the City Until Saturday Morning.

TALKS ABOUT CANAL INSPECTION TRIP

Heartily Approves of the Present Lock Type—Believes the Vast Work will be Accomplished by Jan. 1, 1915, at the Latest—Return of Mr. Taft Opens Up Cabinet Speculation Once More.

New Orleans, Feb. 11.—President-elect William H. Taft landed here shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon from Panama and was enthusiastically received by the entire city. Mr. Taft made a brief speech this afternoon, in which he heartily expressed approval of the present lock type of canal across the isthmus of Panama. He reviewed a parade of citizens, miles in length, and tonight attended one of the carnival season balls, that of the "Elves of Oberon."

Elaborate Banquet Tonight.
Tomorrow he will address the negro Y. M. C. A., spend several hours in automobile, and at night be the guest of honor at an elaborate banquet at which nearly 400 prominent citizens will pay \$25 to dine with him. Saturday morning he will go to Cincinnati, from whence on Monday, he will leave for Washington, returning again to Cincinnati Wednesday.

Appraised of the Knox Matter.
Mr. Taft received the first news of the constitutional question which has been raised against the appointment of Mr. Knox to a cabinet position, by wireless yesterday, when he was apprised of the matter not only by press messages, but by a dispatch giving the views of Senator Knox. That he was somewhat disturbed over the situation last night was admitted, but today he received the news of the disposition of congress to obviate the constitutional disability and he was inclined to accept the means adopted as a happy solution of the difficulty.

Cabinet Speculation Again Attractive.
With the return of Mr. Taft to the United States, cabinet speculation becomes once more attractive. No information is to be given to the public, however, from the most authoritative source, Mr. Taft said he should adhere to his previously announced plan of keeping silent, and also keeping cabinet appointments a secret until the very last moment to provide against possible contingencies. It is regarded, however, as highly probable that officers of cabinet rank will be named before Mr. Taft's departure for Washington. Mr. Taft said he had been in possession of information he desired, and had arrived here for dinner last night, the arrival of which he had been told would be granted an immediate audience, and the presence here of J. C. Slaughter, editor of the Chicago Evening Post, in whose judgment Mr. Taft

ANTI-JAP AGITATORS
SHOW MODERATION
California Legislators Adopt Suggestion by Governor Gillett.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 11.—Moderation on the part of legislators and an evident disposition to discuss all measures relating to Japan and other alien races during this session of the legislature. Adopting a suggestion of Governor Gillett, the assembly voted to appropriate \$10,000 to defray the expenses of a census which shall show the number of Japanese in California, and the pursuits in which they are engaged. The statistics are to be used in consideration of future legislation, possibly involving an Asiatic exclusion act.

THREW BOMB AT WRONG TRAIN
Attempt to Assassinate Lord Minto, Viceroy of India.

Calcutta, Feb. 11.—A bomb was thrown at a railroad train near Barrackpore, 15 miles north of here, yesterday evening. The explosion resulted in the death of the viceroy of India, Lord Minto, the viceroy of India. The viceroy was due to pass this spot on his way to Assam, but it so happened that he was on another train. The explosion of the bomb did not result in injury to any one.

VENEZUELA NEGOTIATIONS.
Special Commissioner Buchanan Making Favorable Progress.

Washington, Feb. 11.—W. J. Buchanan, special commissioner, who is at La Guayra, negotiating with the Venezuelan government for the settlement of the claims of the United States against that country, is making favorable progress, according to dispatches received at the state department today. Secretary Bacon is anxious that the negotiations be concluded as soon as possible, and expressed confidence in their successful outcome.

\$1,000 TO EACH OLD EMPLOYEE.
Yankees Carpet Workers Beneficiaries Under Mr. Taft's Will.

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 11.—There was much rejoicing today among about 250 employees of the Smith carpet works in Yonkers, when it became known that there was a provision in the will of Mrs. B. E. Cochrane bequeathing \$1,000 to each employee who has been in the place for twenty years or more. As there are about 250 such, the amount of this bequest will be upwards of \$250,000.

May Wheat \$1.27 3-8 a Bushel.
New York, Feb. 11.—The highest price of the season for May wheat was reached in the produce exchange today when it option sold at \$1.27 3-8 per bushel.

Cabled Paragraphs

Suresnes, France, Feb. 11.—The funeral of Ernest Coquelle, the French doctor, who died here on Feb. 10, was held at the town church today. The body will be buried at Boulogne, the birthplace of M. Coquelle.

Madrid, Feb. 11.—A violent storm is raging along the eastern coast of Spain. In Valencia harbor several vessels came into collision and a fisherman was wrecked. Three of the crew perished. Trees have been uprooted, chimneys blown down and roofs damaged.

Yuzovka, Russia, Feb. 11.—The 125 miners who had been imprisoned in the Catech mine for two days after an explosion and fire on February 9, and whose lives were despaired of, made their escape from the mine today through a tunnel. Several of the men were overcome by fumes, but they were helped out by their sturdier comrades. The second explosion killed several miners and injured others coming to the surface.

STEAMSHIP REPUBLIC
DISASTER BEARS FRUIT
Marked Extension of Wireless System to Transatlantic Lines.

New York, Feb. 11.—General Manager Bottomley of the Marconi wireless company today announced that the proposed legislation with regard to the extension of the wireless system to the North German Lloyd Steamship Co., which have not been equipped heretofore, are about to be equipped with the Marconi system.

Koenig Albert, Friedrich der Grosse, Prinzess Alice, Necker, Kooniginn Luise, Prinzess Irene, Rhein, Main and Barbarossa.

The two new ships of the North German Lloyd Steamship company, the Berlin and George Washington, will also be fitted with the same system as soon as they are put in commission.

The Hamburg-American line has decided to equip the steamships Cleveland and Cincinnati with the Marconi wireless system.

In addition to these, many steamship companies running to South America ports have ordered such equipment for their ships. The owners of the past few days the owners of fifteen ships have ordered the latest form of installation for their vessels.

NATIONAL SENATE.
Secret Service Again—Re-enlistment of Discharged Negro Soldiers Opposed.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A report was made to the senate today by the committee on appropriations upon the secret service bill, which provides for the re-enlistment of discharged negro soldiers.

The bill was also passed repealing the increase in the salary of the secretary of state from \$9,000 to \$12,000, so as to permit Senator Knox to accept an appointment as secretary of state.

THE AMERICAN PUSH.
The board of engineers that accompanied Mr. Taft on his trip to Panama, and which he says it is good; that it shall go on as it has gone on; that the organization on the isthmus, the American push and the good that is there, commends itself to them as men who understand great works of that class, and convinces them that the canal is now an immediate prospect.

Lincoln Celebration in England Egan Last Night.
London, Feb. 11.—The Lincoln celebration in England began at Rochdale, Lancashire, tonight. A big meeting was held in the town hall and presided over by the mayor, at which John L. Griffin, the American consul at Rochdale, was the guest of honor.

Five Farmers Charged with First Degree Murder.
Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 11.—Charged with murder in the first degree, five men, farmers of Scott county, were placed on trial today in Waldron, Ark. The defendants are accused of having murdered a man named John Bailey, who was called out to help them in a quarrel.

Forcibly Ejected from Meeting of Irish Parliamentary Party.
Dublin, Feb. 11.—Lawrence Ginnell, member of parliament from the northern division of Westminster, was forcibly ejected from a meeting of the Irish parliamentary party today after persistently demanding an open discussion of the party finances, which Mr. Ginnell accused one section of the members of using the funds of the party to attack and undermine an opposing section.

Mrs. Hettie Green Announces Her Daughter's Engagement.
Gait, Ont., Feb. 11.—Miss K. L. Wilks of this city is notifying her friends in Gait of the following announcement made this week to their family and intimate friends.

Lincoln Day Proclamation

BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

SPECIAL LEGAL HOLIDAY

In District of Columbia and Territories—Many States, by Legislation, Make Lincoln's Birthday a Legal Holiday.

Washington, Feb. 11.—By joint resolution, late today, congress made provision, as far as possible, for the observance of February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, as a special holiday, and authorized the president to issue a proclamation, making it effective in the District of Columbia and the territories of Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii.

Legal Holiday in Other States.
While this proclamation applies only to the District of Columbia and the territories, the states of Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming have by legislation made Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday.

President's Proclamation.
Following is the president's Lincoln day proclamation:

Whereas, by joint resolution of congress, it is provided that the twelfth day of February, 1909, the same being the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, be observed as a special legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States;

And whereas the president is authorized by the foregoing, setting apart the twelfth day of February, 1909, as a special legal holiday;

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States in America, do hereby set apart the twelfth day of February, 1909, as a special legal holiday.

IN NEW YORK CITY.
Exercises in Nearly 1,000 Halls, Churches, Schools and Theaters.

New York, Feb. 11.—Tonight saw the beginning of the greatest memorial celebration ever planned for a great man. In nearly 1,000 halls, churches, schools and theaters, were held exercises in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The centennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth will be celebrated in this city tomorrow in nearly 1,000 halls, churches, schools and theaters.

Salutes from the guns on naval vessels and harbor fortifications at 8 o'clock in the morning were heard all over the city. At 10 o'clock, the city and then 700,000 children will gather in the 561 schoolhouses for patriotic exercises.

CONUL GENERAL OF JAPAN.
At Banquet Speaks of Jingistic War Talk Recently Heard.

New York, Feb. 11.—Count Kokichi Mikano, consul general of Japan at New York, was warmly applauded tonight at the banquet of the Silk Association, America, given at the Waldorf-Astoria in commemoration of its 37th anniversary.

The others injured are: Miss Kate Daly, aged 27, of Dalton, cut about the head; Joseph Daniels, aged 38, Pittsfield, head injured; Miss Annie Clark, Pittsfield, aged 30, cuts, and bruises about the head; Thomas Clark, aged 22, Pittsfield, knee injured.

Dr. Woodruff died two hours after the accident. He was 60 years of age, a graduate of the University of Vermont and the Long Island college hospital in Brooklyn. He had been a member of the board of health and had held other offices.

Remarkable Balloon Trip Across the Alps.
Saint Moritz, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—On the Erlach, the German American people, who won the international balloon race at St. Louis in 1907, has just completed a remarkable balloon trip across the Alps.

Connecticut Legislature

LAST DAY FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPEALS

Sealing of Ballots in Separate Packages—Tenement House Bill Looking to Cleanliness—Minor Judgeships.

Hartford, Feb. 11.—The senate was called to order at 11:30 by Lieutenant Governor Weeks. Prayer by Chaplain, Sexton.

Resolutions.
By Senator Blakeslee.—Increasing the number of directors of the Southern New England Telephone company to fifteen and providing that the stockholders shall determine the number of directors who shall constitute a quorum.

By Senator Higgins (by request).—Requesting the committee on military affairs to report a bill providing a pension for soldiers of the Civil and Spanish wars.

By Senator Higgins.—Incorporating the South Coventry Water company and naming John H. Carman, Eugene A. Thayer, William H. Morgan, William H. Higgins, Curtis Dean, Thomas H. Wood, R. Estelle Wood, Ann L. Carman, Ellen N. Lloyd, Garcella Phillips, Louis M. Phillips, George L. Rosebrooks and Thomas H. Wood as incorporators; capital stock \$6,000, with the privilege of increasing it to \$10,000.

By Senator Seale.—Authorizing the Willimantic Gas and Electric company to merge with any other gas or electric company doing business in Windham or Tolland counties.

By Senator Turner.—Appointing Charles R. Lyman of Middletown a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural College. Senate appointments.

Regarding Licenses.
By Senator Blakeslee.—That an appeal to the superior court from the granting of a license shall vacate the license, and the cause shall be tried in the court of its merits.

By Senator Blakeslee.—That persons convicted of violating the license law shall forfeit his license and all money that may have been paid therefor, and for a year after the revocation of the license he shall not be capable of receiving a license.

By Senator Chamberlain.—That no incorrigible boy under 16 years of age shall be committed to any jail, almshouse or workhouse, but to a charitable institution chartered by the general assembly.

By Senator Chamberlain.—Establishing a public service commission. The bill is the same as that which was recommended by the commission with an amendment.

By Senator Brimmond.—Requiring every town and school district having ten thousand or more inhabitants to maintain evening schools. Education.

By Senator Higgins.—From the Gas and Electric company of Rockville to extend its business into the towns of Willington and Mansfield. Judiciary.

By Mr. Tibbits of Norwich.—Of Jeremiah J. Desmond of Norwich to authorize the city of Norwich to pay the Reliance company \$5,000. Cities and boroughs.

By Mr. Tibbits of Norwich (by request).—Reimbursing Charles E. Hazlehurst in the sum of \$350 for expense incurred in the case of the state vs. Charles E. Hazlehurst and for salary due as a member of the state police.

By Mr. Tibbits of Norwich.—Amending an act concerning replevin. Judiciary.

By Mr. Peck of Stratford.—Requiring holders of liquor licenses to obtain a license to live or have a place of business or own real estate within 500 feet of premises described in application.

Condensed Telegrams

A Double Execution was carried out publicly in Albi, France.

Premier Von Bienerth has recon-structed the Austrian cabinet.

Cornelius Cummins Choked Himself to death at the state hospital in Columbus, O.

Miss Violet Briefly Leaped from the sixth story window of a business building in Denver.

The Contract to Supply the British army with corn has been awarded to a Chicago firm.

The President Nominated Robert E. Maunders of Indiana to be consul general at Zurich, Switzerland.

The Senate Committee on foreign relations did not take up the Canadian boundary waterways treaty.

The Senate Confirmed the nomination of John D. Prince to be appraiser of merchandise at Pittsburg.

Many Prominent Labor Leaders participated in a parade of labor at the department of commerce and labor.

A Riot of the Peons on the Hacienda owned by Juan Paulin, near Maricao, Mexico, brought the owner to terms.

M. Cattulle-Abraham Mendes, the French poet, was decorated with the Legion of Honor, but without religious ceremony.

The Franchise Reform Bill, which has been before the Swedish legislature for the past two years, finally passed both houses.

That an Ad Valorem Duty on Wools would result in many abuses was the claim made before the house ways and means committee.

The Steamer America has been wrecked off the coast of Castellon, Spain. Sixty of her passengers and crew were saved.

The Barking of a Collie Dog awoke the proprietor of the Hotel Del Europa in New York and he probably saved the lives of his guests.

Robert W. Bréckons, United States attorney of the Ninth circuit of Hawaii, is to be sent in his resignation to Attorney General Bonaparte.

Orders Have Been Given for the establishment of a branch of the American marine hospital, Surgeon A. D. Foster will be in charge.

The President Signed the urgent deficiency bill and the resolution appropriating \$18,000 for the expenses of the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

The Establishment of a Children's bureau in the department of the interior is provided for in a bill which the house committee will report favorably.

The Irish National Convention in Dublin adopted a resolution urging that Irish be made a compulsory subject for matriculation at the National university.

Secretary Newberry Discussed with a committee of workmen in the Philadelphia navy yard his plan for the consolidation of bureaus in the navy department.

Patrick J. Kiernan, former president of the failed Fidelity Funding company, declared before United States Commissioner Alexander that if he were permitted to take charge of the company's affairs the company would pay in six months pay its creditors in full.

THE HATTERS' STRIKE.
Under Guard of Pinkerton Men Strike Breakers Reckon Newmark.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 11.—One hundred and fifty men and boys, under guard of a force of Pinkerton men, arrived here today to act as strike breakers at the Thomas Smith Hat company's shop. Out of the 150 the firm accepted 16 as having some experience in the hat business.

Petty Graft in Moundsville Penitentiary.
Moundsville, W. Va., Feb. 11.—That 10 cent packages of tobacco were sold for 25 cents in the prison by convicts who had neither federal or state license, and were said to be acting for certain prison guards, was testified to by George Strowbridge, before the legislative investigating committee today.

Serious Outbreak of Smallpox in a Missouri College.
Liberty, Mo., Feb. 11.—William Jewell college is closed because of a serious outbreak of smallpox among its students, who number six hundred. Fifteen students have been quarantined and the entire dormitory is quarantined.

Bookmaking and Pool Selling in Felony Class.
Olympia, Wash., Feb. 11.—Acting Governor M. E. Hay approved the anti-gambling bill which will make bookmaking and pool selling a felony.

Committee on public health and safety. Adjourned to Tuesday.

Now Ready for Business.
Total of Bills Slightly Less Than Two Years Ago.

Cuban Rural Guard In a Mutiny

OBJECT TO BEING TRANSFERRED TO REGULAR ARMY.

EXCITEMENT AT HAVANA PALACE

Mutineers Demand Immediate Audience of President Gomez—Men Finally Transferred Under Armed Escort.

Havana, Feb. 11.—Mutiny broke out this afternoon among a company of the rural guard just as the men were about to embark in launches to be transported across the harbor to Cabanas fortress.

Stormed the Palace.
When the men learned they were to be transferred from the rural guard to the permanent army, in accordance with a decree issued by General Magdon authorizing the transfer of one battalion, they refused to embark and, led by a subaltern officer, rushed to the palace.

Were Banned by Police Guard.
Some attempted to ascend the stairway to the apartments, but the way was barred by the police guard armed with revolvers. The mutineers, being unarmed, thereupon retreated, but they remained in the courtyard, shouting and demanding to be returned to their homes in the city.

Great Excitement for a Time.
For a time there was great excitement around the palace precincts and General Pino Guerra, the commander of the permanent army, and General Montenegro, the commander of the rural guard, were summoned. They succeeded eventually in restoring order and in persuading the men to submit to be returned to their homes in the city.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENATE CLERK.
Resolution Passed Giving Appropriation of \$1,300—Senator Luther Opposed.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 11.—The senate this afternoon passed the resolution giving to the senate clerk an appropriation of \$1,300 for clerical assistance. The matter came in under a favorable review, but Senator Luther, of Connecticut, opposed it.

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Senator Luther opposed the resolution, saying that he did not believe the clerk would be able to fulfill his duties under the constitution nor did he believe the clerk could be paid for his services.

Senator Luther then had admitted his bill calling upon the committee on legislative expenses to report a new law covering the matter of additional expenses.

RECAPTURED HALF STARVED.
Two Convicts Who Escaped from Sing Sing Last Tuesday.

New York, Feb. 11.—Paul Kelly, the murderer, and a convict named Charles G. McCarthy, both escaped from Sing Sing, who escaped Tuesday from the prison camp at Bear Mountain, were recaptured today near a railroad yard in West New York, N. J.

They were in a sad state from exposure and hunger and surrendered readily when found. They were warned and fed, and tonight they were returned to Sing Sing. Both men were bitter in their denunciation of the treatment shown them in prison.

Kelly said: "A group of about a dozen convicts, dogs, and we decided on Tuesday to clear out when we saw the chance. We agreed that we would rather die than go back to that hell hole where we were in Sing Sing."

NEW HAVEN ROAD EARNINGS
For Quarter Ending Dec. 31 Last Show Decrease in Gross Amount.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 11.—The earnings of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company for the quarter ending Dec. 31 last show a gross amount of \$1,910,608.43, a decrease of \$214,780.31 as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1907.

The net earnings from operation were \$1,198,572.16. Income from other sources than operation amounted to \$712,036.27. Interest, rentals and taxes increased \$285,601.11.

The surplus for the quarter was \$1,014,336.35, against a surplus of \$650,322.67 for the same quarter of 1907, an increase in net income of \$363,913.68.

South Manchester Young Woman Missing.
South Manchester, Conn., Feb. 11.—Telling her mother that she was going to Hartford to consult a dentist, Mary W. Bennett, 20 years old, left her home at 61 West Center street, Tuesday afternoon, and no trace has been found of her since that time.